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1. IN SPEECHES MAY 3, LEADERS OF JATIYA SRAMIK
LEAGUE CONTINUED CAMPAIGN AGAINST BUREAUCRACY IN
GENERAL AND JUTE MILLS CORPORATION IN PARTICULAR.
SHEIKH FAZLUL HUQ MONI WAS MAIN SPEAKER, ACCUSING

JMC CHAIRMAN OF " SMUGGLING OUT JUTE TO AGENTS OF
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US IMPERIALISM, ZIONISM AND PAKISTANI CAPITALISTS SITTING IN NEW YORK". HE ALSO CASTIGATED OFFICIALS OF TRADING CORPORATION OF BANGLADESH AND FOOD DEPARTMENT, ALLEGING FAILURES OF PERFORMANCE IN THOSE ORGANIZATIONS. MONI EXHORTED LISTENERS CONTINUE THIS " PURIFICATION MOVEMENT".

2. MEANWHILE, LEADERS OF PRO- AL FACTION OF BANGLADESH CHHATRA LEAGUE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WOULD START ON MAY 5 " ELEVEN- POINT MOVEMENT AGAINST CORRUPTION". THEY THREATENED VARIOUS TYPES OF ACTION AGAINST ALLEGED MALEFACTORS.

3. IN WHAT MAY BE RELATED DEVELOPMENT, LICENSES OF 53 CEMENT DEALERS CANCELLED MAY 3 ON GROUNDS OF IRREGULAR PRACTICES. I. E. LICENSEES COULD NOT PRODUCE LICENSES ON DEMAND SUGGESTING LICENSES HAD BEEN TRANSFERED ILLEGALLY TO OTHER PERSONS. THIS BRINGS TO 131 NUMBER OF DACCA TRADERS LOSING LICENSES ON SUCH GROUNDS IN PAST SEVEN DAYS.

4. COMMENT: WHILE MONI AND ORGANIZATIONS CONNECTED TO HIM APPEAR TO BE TAKING PUBLIC LEAD IN WHAT ARE APPARENTLY FIRST STEPS OF FULL- SCALE ANTI- CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN, CANCELLATION OF LICENSES INDICATES PRIMIN ORCHESTRATING ACTION. AS REFTEL B INDICATES, TACTICS HAVE ALREADY APPARENTLY SAPPED CONFIDENCE OF JMC MANAGEMENT. WHETHER PRIMIN WILL ASSAULT OTHER PORTIONS CIVIL SERVICE ON SIMILARLY DUBIOUS GROUNDS NOT YET CLEAR. NEWBERRY

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